

WHEAT CROP NOT SO BAD

Conservative Estimates Place the Damage by Floods Below First Calculations.

GENERAL OUTLOOK IS GOOD

Business Is Dull at Present, but Fall Trade Gives Every Promise of Being Satisfactory.

New York, July 22.—Reports received this week from special agents of the international mercantile agency at the leading centers of accumulation and distribution in the country show very little change in conditions from those previously stated. Actual trade is dull, a normal condition for this season of the year. The outlook for fall and winter business is better in some sections, notably the south and southwest, than it has been for a long while. Calmer judgment than obtained in the beginning has reduced the estimates of loss by flood to 30,000,000 bushels of winter wheat in the states most affected. One reliable trade journal has issued a bulletin which points to a total yield of this cereal of 610,000,000 bushels and an exportable surplus of nearly 145,000,000 bushels. These are facts that have helped to dislodge some of the discouraging sentiments of the recent past.

The strike of the packing house employees assumed larger proportions than were first believed possible. However, there has been no suffering from the advance in the price of meats. It has always been believed that eventually there would be a peaceful adjustment by arbitration and that the disturbance would pass away as quickly as it developed. This sentiment is borne out by Wednesday's action. Probably a more important matter is the threatening attitude of the Fall River operatives toward the reduction of 12½ per cent in wages, which becomes effective next Monday. This may spread throughout New England and unsettle business in that section.

The best commercial reports come from the west and southwest, or from the very region where the greatest disturbance to business pulse might be expected to exist. For instance, Kansas City takes a very hopeful view of the crop situation. A week of ideal harvesting weather has changed the whole aspect of things and merchants are refilling orders that had been cancelled on account of the floods. In spite of the packers' strike, Chicago has had a week of marked trade improvement and especially in clothing, shoes, dry goods and men's and women's furnishings.

With the prospect of average cereal crops and an early and large cotton crop the southwest is beginning to discount some of the expected enrichment of that part of the country. Salesmen from St. Louis have had a better trade than a year ago. Jobbers are satisfied with returns, which they find exceed those of recent similar seasons. One significant fact is the demand for a better quality of goods. This is noticeable in clothing and shoes.

WANT HIM FOR ARBITER.

Kansas City Butchers Select George Byer to Act for Them.

Kansas City, Mo., July 22.—George Byer of Kansas City has been asked to act as the butchers' member of the arbitration committee to which the points in dispute in the packing house strike will be submitted and has consented to serve. George Byer, who is 30 years old, is an all around butcher. He has worked in many of the packing houses of Kansas City and has been in the meat business for himself. He was the first president of the Meat Cutters' union. After serving three years at the head of the organization, he resigned for business reasons and was succeeded by Michael J. Donnelly. Eight or ten years ago he and Donnelly were sheep butchers in Kansas City. Both were leaders in those days and both held important offices in the local unions before an international organization was effected. In the firemen's strike at Armour's about eight years ago, Byer, Ford Allen and Samuel Gompers composed the committee which reached a settlement terminating the strike.

Scholarship in Memory of Daly.

New York, July 22.—A scholarship in the Columbia university school of mines has been established in memory of the late Marcus Daly of Montana by his daughter, Mrs. James W. Gerard

of this city. It is to be awarded on a competitive basis. The recipient is to receive \$1,000 per annum. The scholarship is open only to those who have worked in the Montana mines or to their descendants.

BOYS PLAYED WITH MATCHES.

Started Fire That Cost One Life and Serious Injury to Others.

Chicago, July 22.—Edward Schempp, eight years of age, has been burned to death, and his father, mother and three brothers and an uncle severely burned in a fire that destroyed the grocery and living apartments of William Schempp. It is believed that boys playing behind the grocery with matches accidentally set the building on fire. The four boys were asleep in rooms above the grocery store when the fire began and before they could be rescued all had been overcome by the smoke and flames. Their mother and uncle received their injuries in attempting to go to their aid. The father was also severely burned.

PHYSICIAN'S ROUGH LUCK.

Operates on Patient While House Is Being Burned Down.

Oakland, Cal., July 22.—While Dr. Emerson was operating on Mrs. B. Robinson at her home two small children set the premises on fire. To have deserted his patient would have resulted in her death; the plucky physician completed his work, though the smoke became so blinding that he could scarcely see. When the operation was concluded he carried his unconscious patient down a stairway to a place of safety.

Charles M. Collins Dead.

New York, July 22.—Charles M. Collins, once prominent on the American stage, is dead at his home after an illness of four months. Collins appeared during his professional career in the support of many leading actors.

Bismarck's Simple Plan to Dismember Austria.

(From "Diplomatic Mysteries," by Vance Thompson, in the August Success.)

Like all other great plans, Bismarck's project for dismembering the Austrian empire was simple. Through his ubiquitous agents he promised the Poles and southern Slavs a free state; in the south, again, he furthered the irredentist propaganda, which should have as a natural consequence the cessation of Italian-speaking Austria to Italy; Galicia, the Bukovina and Dalmatia were to be separated from the empire; while the rest of Austria—German Austria—was to be linked to the possessions of William of Hohenzollern. This was the ideal he dangled before the eyes of the youth of the dual empire. Deputies in his pay raised the Hohenzollern-ruf—the Berlin cry—in the very parliament. His mercenaries were busy in every province. They were abroad in all parts of the empire, from Bohemia to Croatia, from the Tyrol to the Bukovina; they were Margyars, Poles, Czechs, Ruthenians, Italians, Roumanians—all the diverse subjects of the many-tongued empire. Never before was there an organization at once so indefinite and so powerful. Not all of these men who were hacking at the state were money-hired. Ambition bought some. Others were sincere patriots, seeing in the downfall of Austria an opportunity for the freedom of a new Hungary or the creation of a new Slavic empire. It should be borne in mind that the "dual empire" is really a triple state—Austria-Hungary-Bohemia—which is governed by the German-speaking minority. These 22 million Slavs, who are ruled by 14 million Germans, are in a ceaseless struggle to gain power. They are animated by patriotic motives. Though traitors to Austria, they are true to their race. In them Bismarck found tools ready to his hand. Nor did the men of the north of Hungary and in the Bukovina, the irredentists of the Italian provinces of Austria, the Ruthenians (or "Little Russians," who form the bulk of the population of Galicia, which is called "Red Russia") need much urging to range themselves among the enemies of the house of Hapsburg. Not even England ever organized discontent in an alien land with greater success. Those who are at all informed in matters of international politics know that one of the greatest powers to be reckoned with in continental affairs is "the cavalry of St. George." This is the cant term for English gold. Many a time have the Balkans seen the keen charge of golden guineas. Those yellow riders have swept through Paris and Lisbon, and many another capital. Bismarck stole these tactics from the English book. He stabled his golden cavalry in the very heart of the old empire. You may trace their hoof-marks to the very door of the royal palace. You hear the noise of them on the stone flags of the Ballplatz.

ADMIRE THE DOUGHTY JAP

General Rennenkampff Says He Is an Engineer of Wonderful Ability in War.

MARKSMANSHIP NOT SO GOOD

Wounded Leader States That the Mikado's Soldier Depends Upon Quantity Rather Than Quality in Firing.

Liao Yang, July 22.—In the course of an interesting interview had with him in the hospital here, with an Associated Press correspondent, General Rennenkampff, who was recently wounded while reconnoitering a Japanese position, coolly criticized the Japanese shooting as not up to the mark and said the Japanese rely on the quantity rather than the quality of their fire. The general declared that the Japanese are over slow and cautious. This criticism may be somewhat discounted, however, by the fact that General Rennenkampff himself is one of the boldest and most dashing commanders in the Russian army.

General Rennenkampff pays the highest tribute to the engineering skill of the Japanese. Their fortifications, he said, are marvels of completeness and are well constructed, located and masked. They freely use field telephones connecting their batteries and have excellent maps, many of which have been captured, in which ranges are marked.

"The Japanese is a cunning and dangerous foe," said General Rennenkampff, "but he is not awful. He is a slave to system, lacking the necessary dash and willingness to take chances that would make him a most formidable foe."

CHICAGO'S BIG TERMINAL.

Illinois Tunnel Company's Building to Be Largest in World.

Chicago, July 22.—Work is to begin at once on the new terminal and storage plant of the Illinois Tunnel Company, to be constructed on the dock property just purchased along the west side of the river, extending north from Taylor street. It probably will be the largest structure built for such purposes, being 12 stories and covering a ground space 440 feet wide and 649 feet long. The building will be constructed five stories below the street level and seven stories above. The floor on the street level will be a vast covered freight yard for the receipt and shipment of goods over the steam roads. In the sub-basement 50 feet below will be the freight yard for the tunnel service with switch tracks and lines leading underground to every part of the business section of the city.

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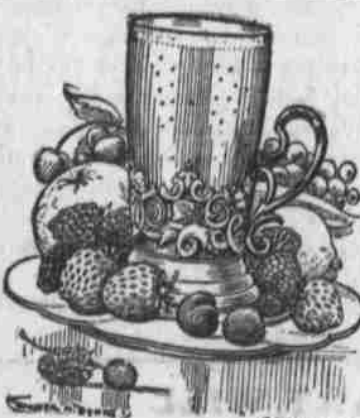
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